

Question for written answer E-003097/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: International Court of Justice advisory opinion on the obligations of States in respect of climate change

The International Court of Justice has issued a historic advisory opinion in which it concludes that every State is obliged to protect the global climate system under international law. This obligation includes due avoidance of significant damage to the environment (paragraphs 132 to 139), a requirement for States to cooperate with each other in good faith on the issue (paragraphs 140 to 142) and a requirement to guarantee environmental protection for present and future generations through applying the principle of intergenerational equity (paragraphs 155 to 157). In addition, the Court states that failure to comply with these obligations constitutes an internationally wrongful act that has legal consequences (paragraph 409), such as ceasing unlawful acts or omissions, ensuring that they will not be repeated and paying full reparations for damages caused (paragraphs 446 to 455).

Considering the above:

1. What is the Commission's view on the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion?
2. Will the Commission promote any specific initiatives to boost compliance with these international obligations within the European Union?

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